



West Fife Trinity Church of Scotland Parish Profile 2026

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.*





Welcome

Thank you for looking at our parish profile. We hope that it will give you a full flavour of West Fife Trinity, and help in determining a call to serve in ministry to our parish.

We are a recent union of three congregations of neighbouring villages: Carnock and Oakley, Saline and Blairingone, and Kincardine and Tulliallan. The latter two had been in a successful linkage.

Dominated by views of the beautiful Ochils, our parish occupies an area between Dunfermline and Alloa. This area has a strong history of mining, and many of our communities show that legacy. We are, however, also a rural agricultural parish, although in easy reach of many of our larger towns and cities. The parish also encompasses Tulliallan Police College, and the site of Longannet Power Station, which is being considered for industrial development.

It is our challenge as a new unified parish to meet the needs of our villages, and, by our example and teaching, lead and draw people towards Christ.

We are a pastoral worshipping community, and the love and care of others is inspiring to us. But we know that we live in a rapidly changing world, and we need to reach out to others in new ways. As a recent union, we are at the start of a new, evolving challenge. We know our need for a minister to help us on this journey: to teach, care for and inspire us.



Our Vision

Worshipping God Following Christ Serving the Community

We aim to be a vibrant, joyful, outward facing gathering of people who want to worship God, to welcome others to join us in following Christ, and to serve the communities of West Fife and our global neighbours.



Our New Minister

The journey of forming our newly united parish is off to a positive start, as the new Kirk Session starts to come together to build a structure fit for the future. The appointment of a new minister presents a wonderful opportunity to build on this foundation. Together, we are committed to moving forward as one church family, guided by the Church of Scotland's Five Marks of Mission and strengthened by the gifts and dedication we already share.

We are excited to welcome a minister who brings energy, warmth, and a deep understanding of people – someone with an expansive pastoral heart who can nurture, support, and encourage the continued coming together of our distinct villages, as we look to increase and develop our engagement to the communities we serve. We seek a preacher whose faith engages with the social issues of relevance to our parish.



Our Kirk Session

Our active eldership embodies the pastoral heart of our church's mission. All ordained elders are involved in the spiritual and relational life of the congregation, often the first point of contact for those seeking connection or assistance within the church, and are strongly encouraged to serve on one of the core teams in our new structure, alongside members of the wider congregation.

Worship and Teaching.

The Basis of Union specified that Sunday Worship was to take place in two of the three churches in the union (Oakley and Kincardine). Saline church is category B, primarily because of the unsafe nature of its sanctuary. There is acknowledgement that the Saline Community would benefit from a continued presence, and in the shorter term, we have been able to maintain worship in the halls in Saline, with some success, pending the fate of those buildings. Ultimately, it will be for the minister and Kirk Session to decide about worship in Saline in the longer term.

There is a short service on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, following the weekly coffee morning, and every two weeks members of the church lead a service in Bandrum Nursing Home.

We currently hold a combined service once a month, as well as for some services during Holy Week or Christmas. Harvest Thanksgiving is marked each year in all the churches. Remembrance Sunday services have also been held in each church, followed by wreath-laying ceremonies at the various war memorials. Bereavement services are held in Kincardine for those who have experienced loss, at different times of the year.

Services at Tulliallan are streamed: Oakley services are recorded and distributed on USB sticks. Full streaming facilities are available at both churches.



Our style of worship is traditional with a modern flavour – we continue to develop a wide variety of music, introducing more contemporary songs using both the organ, piano, guitar and praise band, depending on venue.

There is the potential for midweek services using different approaches to worship such as Café Church, and Messy Church. The Worship and Teaching team that is to be created could support in the leading of worship. This would include conducting worship when no minister is available.

Weekly Bible Study is based in Saline and led by a member who is a Reader.

Pastoral Care.

We encourage a culture of caring for each other and extending this to those outside the church. Friendship evangelism is encouraged in all areas of our church life. Visiting of members and parishioners has been historically carried out by elders in districts. We anticipate that in future, not all elders will have districts; instead, the pastoral team will include non-elders. We see the pastoral care in our communities as being a vital part of our Christian Service.



Community Outreach

The main hospital which serves our parish is the Victoria Hospital In Kirkcaldy, though members in Kincardine often are admitted to Forth Valley Royal Hospital. The planned Pastoral Care team would look to assist visiting the hospitals, nursing homes, the housebound and make follow-up visits as necessary. It would assist the elders and district visitors when they identify that extra input to a home is necessary, always being mindful of wishes and confidentiality, and report back to the minister as appropriate. They would also work alongside the Social and Fellowship Team, for example, at the Friendship Group and morning coffees.

Our flower ministry is a valued part of our pastoral care. Whether marking joyful milestones, offering comfort, or simply remembering those unable to attend church regularly, flowers are seen as a heartfelt gesture that touch and uplift.

Social and Fellowship

We have inherited a wide range of social activities from our three constituent parishes. These include friendship groups/guild in each area, coffee mornings in Saline and Oakley, a men's club in Tulliallan, a Scrabble club in Oakley and there is also a walking group. In addition, there is a regular programme of quiz evenings, dances and music evenings.

Our main developing area is through Mission Together, which is a co-operation between West Fife Trinity and the neighbouring parishes of Culross, Limekilns and Cairneyhill. These other parishes are expected to form a union under the current Presbytery Plan: it is anticipated that we will form a parish grouping with this new union, centred around outreach.

There are five primary schools in our parish: Saline, Carnock, Blairhall, Inzievar (Oakley) and Tulliallan (Kincardine). It is only Tulliallan that we currently have any relationship with: they come to the church for their end of term services.

We also have a Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company based at Tulliallan; there are also Rainbows and Brownies at Saline as well as in Tulliallan.

Whilst Mission Together is still developing, it has started, with presbytery support, by introducing LEGO club events across the parish. It has also supported overseas project such as the Kuna Tumaini Orphanage Appeal.

Ecumenical Context.

We welcome strong relations with other church denominations. We have a warm long-standing friendship with the Roman Catholic congregation in Oakley with whom we share the World Day of Prayer services.

World Church.

The former congregations recognised the value of supporting and connecting with Christians globally, and we are eager to build on this commitment in our union. We wish to actively support mission and development work beyond our local context. Regular prayer meetings receive news from around the world and pray for situations of need.

We support Christian charities Christian Aid, Tearfund and Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and Trussel Trust.

Stewardship and Finance.

Although the Union of our three churches only came into effect on 1st January 2026 our Church is financially sound. The Congregation are generous givers with many contributing by Standing Orders and weekly envelopes. Those who can, are encouraged to complete Gift Aid forms to increase their contributions by 25%.

The Church has a Finance Team comprising the three treasurers of the former charges. The Church treasurer is a Chartered Accountant with many years' experience of church accounts and finance.

As a result of previous property sales, the Church currently has substantial capital reserves held by the General Trustees that can be used for property matters. The income generated from this capital can be used to cover property costs (insurance, repairs and heat and light) and for expenditure that meets the 5 Marks of Mission. The former manse at Kincardine has recently been sold, which will increase both the capital balance and the future revenue.

The Church also benefited from a substantial legacy many years ago, the income from which is available for use in the work of the Church locally.



Communications

Different approaches had been taken to communication across the legacy. Church newsletters or magazines were previously delivered to each of the former parishes, but in differing ways - some being delivered to every home in the parish while others were delivered specifically to members.

Our intention is to also utilise an electronic maildrop across the united parish, which is already established in parts of the parish. This is sent to members and adherents who sign up to receive it.

Staffing.

The minister is supported in the running of the church's administration and activities by a team of committed elders and members and there are employed cleaners at Tulliallan and Saline.

The Presbytery Plan allows for two ministers and an 0.5 FTE MDS post to be shared across what is planned to be the two parishes in the six West Fife Villages. Initially 0.5 post would cover the current parish of Culross in the 'other' union, but there will be a shared element with West Fife Trinity, the two ministers and Kirk Sessions deciding how these will be covered.

About us

The Session has voted to depart from the traditional view of the Church in relation to ministers in same sex marriages.

The Communion Roll at the start of 2026 was 337. Average attendance at Sunday morning worship is currently 100 across our various services.

In 2025 there were 22 funerals conducted across the former parishes. We have also celebrated 4 weddings and 3 baptisms.

Church property :

Tulliallan and Kincardine Church

The Parish Church along with the Session House are "B" listed buildings (1833). The Church was restored internally in 1991/2 with the pews replaced by chairs to create a more versatile and comfortable space. We use a pipe organ (rebuilt 1992) a "Clavinova" and up to date audio and visual equipment.



The extensive halls were built in 1936 and extended in 1991 with further improvements in the last 3 years.

Oakley Church

The Church in Oakley is a multipurpose building built in 1951 and seats approximately 150 people. It sits on the edge of what was a traditional mining village and was built after an influx of mining families moved into the area when there was seen to be a need for a place of worship. Originally designated a hall Church, it has full Church status. The building has been well maintained and is in good decorative order.

The sanctuary is multi-purpose with modern seating and has a Wyvern, double manual classic organ, an excellent heating system and a PA system which incorporates a deaf loop. It has a vestry, a small hall, toilets and an excellent, well equipped kitchen, which can cater for 100 people.

Disabled access and facilities, conforming to HSE regulations, have been installed. There is a tarmac car park to the rear of the Church, with designated parking and a disabled parking bay.



Saline Church Buildings



Under the terms of the Basis of Union, the Saline Church Buildings are to be “sold, let, or otherwise disposed of”. This conforms to the Fife Presbytery Plan, which designates the church as Category B. At the time of writing, the General Trustees are negotiating with a community group who wish to purchase the buildings for community use. Should this be successful, there may be scope for worship or other activities to continue there, under a rental agreement.



The property has gas central heating provided by a high efficiency condensing boiler. Cavity wall insulation and UPVC double glazed windows assist in keeping down energy costs. The EPC rating is C.

Externally, there is a large garden laid out to grass, a separate double garage with power and EV Charging point. The driveway provides off-street parking for minister and visitors.

Manse

It was decided that the Saline manse would be the most suitable for the new parish. It maintains a presence in Saline after the closure of the church buildings.

The manse is a modern 1980s detached house with large separate double garage. Downstairs accommodation comprises: large lounge, spacious enough for use as combined lounge / dining room; study; kitchen; utility room; cloakroom / WC; and boiler room. Upstairs there are four bedrooms, one with en-suite shower room / WC, and a large family bath / shower / WC room.





Saline Village Primary School is five minutes' walk from the manse. High School age children attend Queen Anne High School in Dunfermline.

The main local shopping areas are Dunfermline and Alloa. There are regular bus services from Saline to Oakley and Dunfermline, also within five minutes walk from the manse. There also some buses from Saline to Falkirk.

Trains run from Dunfermline City Station to Edinburgh, and from Alloa, Stirling and Falkirk to Edinburgh, Glasgow and beyond.

More Information

Informal enquiries may be made to the Interim Moderator, the Revd Scott Raby, on 07986 901578 or by email to sraby@churchofscotland.org.uk

Formal Applications should be sent to the Clerk to the Nominating Committee, Mr Roddie Burgess by email to roddie.burgess@gmail.com or by mail to 65 Upper Kinneddar, Saline, KY12 9TR along with your CV, a personal statement and two references.